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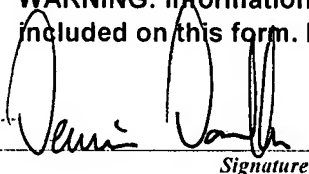
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Dear Sir:

This is a reply to the Examiner's Answer mailed June 15, 2007 responding to the Appeal Brief mailed on January 29, 2007.

As set forth in the Appellants' Brief, Appellants submitted that the Kenchington reference is non-analogous art and that it is improper to combine the teachings of the Kenchington reference with the Simpkins reference. See *Appellants' Brief*, pgs. 8-10. In particular, Appellants argued, in part, that the cyclically operated fluid displacement machine disclosed in the Kenchington reference relates to either a reciprocating internal combustion engine (FIG. 1) or an electrically operated engine (i.e., a compressor) (FIG. 4), and is not related to

the same field of endeavor as the present invention (i.e., a fuel cell assembly).

See *id.* at pgs. 8-9. In response to Appellants' position, the Examiner stated that the Kenchington reference is in the same field of endeavor because the internal combustion engine and the compressor in the Kenchington reference and a fuel cell system are both "chemical reactors which produce power and are linked by chemical reactions requiring a constant influx into the chemical chambers." See *Examiner's Answer*, pg. 4.

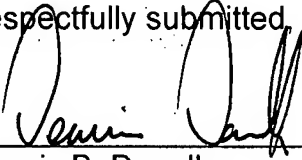
Appellants respectfully submit that the Examiner has established an overly broad definition of the field of endeavor and that one skilled in the art would not been motivated to look to the teachings in the Kenchington reference to solve the problems addressed by the present invention. A fuel cell uses a chemical reaction (introducing elemental hydrogen and oxygen to an electrolytic field) to produce electricity directly as an energy source, while a piston engine uses the chemical reactions (expansion of burning gases) within a combustion chamber to produce work through the movement of a piston. The only linkage between a fuel cell and an internal combustion engine/compressor is that they may both be used in a vehicle as a mode of compulsion, which Appellants believe is not sufficient to conclude that they are in the same field of endeavor.

For this additional reason, and those reasons presented in Appellants' Brief, Appellants submit that the references of record do not teach or suggest all of the limitations disclosed in claims 11-29 and request that the rejection of these claims be reversed.

Appellants do not believe that a fee is due at this time. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee that may have been overlooked to Deposit Account No. 10-0223.

Respectfully submitted,

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